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SUBJECT: UN REQUESTS PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING U.S. ASSESSMENTS

¶1. USUN has faxed to Department (IO/PSC-Tammy Pomerleau and EUR-IO/EX/FM-Alice Green) a copy of a note dated 10 October 2008 from the Secretary-General requesting payment of U.S. assessed contributions which remain outstanding. Amounts assessed but not yet paid are reflected in the attached summary of outstanding contributions dated 9 October 2008. Text of note is as follows:

¶2. Begin Text:

Reference: Contributions 2-1

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and has the honor to refer to Financial Regulation 3.4, which states that contributions shall be considered due and payable in full within 30 days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary-General informing Member States of their commitments, and to General Assembly resolution 58/1B of 23 December 2003 which inter alia, urges all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, as well as to General Assembly resolution 56/243A of 24 December 2001 which encouraged Member States in a position to do so to provide a schedule of payments or other information about their intentions to clear their accumulated arrears.

Based on United Nations records, a comprehensive summary of amounts (rounded to the nearest dollar) outstanding as of 9 October 2008 from all Member States is attached. Amounts assessed but not yet paid by His Excellency's Government are included in the attached summary.

In view of the continuing frailty of the Organization's financial situation, the Secretary-General would be grateful if arrangements could be made for the payment of the outstanding contributions from His Excellency's Government at an early date if arrangements have not already been made to settle these amounts. It would also be greatly appreciated if His Excellency's Government could provide information on its intentions for payment of these amounts, as called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/243A.

The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representative the assurances of his highest consideration. End Text.

¶3. Action Requested: Department is requested to facilitate payment as noted in paragraph 2.

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